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SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS

1. HERE ARE YOUR TALKING POINTS WITH IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI ABOUT SPECIAL GA SESSION ON UNIFIL FINANCING WHICH IRAN WILL CHAIR:

-- WE BELIEVE THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION ON UNIFIL FINANCING SHOULD FOLLOW THE PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FINANCING OF UNIFIL. THIS PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY SC RESOLUTION 426 APPROVING THE SYG'S REPORT. THAT REPORT STATES THAT "THE COSTS OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FORCE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS EXPENSES OF THE ORGANIZATION TO BE BORNE BY THE MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 17, PARAGRAPH 2, OF THE CHARTER."

-- THE SPECIAL SESSION CAN BEST ACCOMPLISH ITS PURPOSES BY AVOIDING DEBATE ON EXTRANEOUS POLITICAL ISSUES. SUCH A DEBATE MIGHT ENDANGER THE PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE

RESPONSIBILITY, GIVE THOSE LOOKING FOR AN EXCUSE A REASON NOT TO PAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS, AND DISCOURAGE PRESENT AND POTENTIAL TROOP CONTRIBUTORS FROM PARTICIPATING.

- -- AS A MAJOR TROOP CONTRIBUTOR, IRAN HAS AN INTEREST IN DEVELOPING SOUND FINANCING FOR UNIFIL AND IN AVOIDING POLEMICS WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE UNRAVELING OF THE FORCES.
- -- IF ASKED, YOU MAY TELL FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI THAT WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED APPORTIONMENT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACCORDING TO THE REGULAR UN SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1978-79. HOWEVER, WE CAN CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE 1973 COMPROMISE ON THE PEACE AND SECURITY SCALE USED FOR UNEF/UNDOF. FYI: THE LATTER SCALE WOULD ASSESS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT A LOWER RATE, AND RECOGNIZE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACEKEEPING ON THE PART OF PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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